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Washington March 4. 1841

Dear Sir

I send you herewith a recommendation of Cephias L. Rockwood Esq for appointment to the office of Land Register at Milwaukee, Wisconsin Territory. In doing this, I cannot refrain from expressing, in a more informal manner, my strong solicitude for the success of Mr Rockwoods application.

Mr. R and myself were in college together, and studied law in the same office. I know him, therefore, perfectly, and know him to be, in all respects, entitled to the Presidents confidence. He would make an excellent officer, as he is an ^{excellent} citizen; and, what is of no small importance, he would be a popular officer, having the happy faculty of conciliating ^{the good will} and the confidence, of all with whom he has intercourse. He has a large and estimable family, in whose welfare I feel a very deep interest. He has seen misfortune, and needs the office.

Mr Rockwood informs me that the Delegate from Wisconsin, Mr Doty, is committed in favor of another applicant, who, he thinks, is not the choice of the people in that quarter.

I have conversed with Mr. D. who says he became
committed for the individual alluded to, some time
since, on his application to President Van Buren for the
appointment in question, but seems not unfavorably
disposed towards Mr. Rockwood.

The position that Mr. Doty occupies in regard
to this matter is the reason why this application comes
through me. Mr. Rockwood informs me that, after the
4th of March, ~~there will be forwarded to the~~
~~Department an expression~~ ^{Some expressions} of the wishes of the
people in the vicinity of the Milwaukee Land office,
~~and probably be sent to you in due time -~~
~~upon the subject of the appointment of Register,~~
to which I beg leave, in advance, to ask the
favorable consideration of the Executive.

I am, respectfully

Your obedient servant
William Stude

Hon. Thomas Ewing
Secretary of the Treasury.

he has uniformly said to his friends that he did not wish any
petition ~~submitted~~ for his appointment circulated, until after

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To the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. S. States

The Undersigned Representatives in Congress from the
State of Vermont, recommend Ephraim L. Rockwood Esq for
appointment to the office of Register of the Land office
at Milwaukee, in the Territory of ~~the~~ Wisconsin and

Mr Rockwood was liberally educated and studied
law in the State of Vermont where he practiced in
his profession for many years. He has resided in the
Territory of Wisconsin for more than two years past.

Mr R is a good lawyer, and an intelligent,
enterprising, industrious, and rigidly upright man
We think him well qualified for the office of Land
Register, and take pleasure in recommending him for
the appointment

March 4. 1841.

(Signed)

William Steele
Gideon Hall
H. Everett.